



Patricia Jursik *Update*

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Stimulus Opportunity for the Hoan Bridge

I call on Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Frank Busalacchi to complete the promised engineering study of the Hoan Bridge in order to qualify for the next round of federal stimulus funding. I placed the Hoan on the original list for stimulus funding, but it was later removed because the project is not considered "shovel-ready." In order for the Hoan to become eligible, preliminary engineering studies must be completed. At a meeting in September 2009, Busalacchi had promised members of the Coalition to Save the Hoan that he would perform the engineering studies. To date, Governor Doyle and Secretary Busalacchi have refused to accomplish this task.

Failure to perform the engineering studies makes it impossible to obtain any funding, whether it's from the stimulus or the next biennial state budget. The DOT's failure to plan validates my worst nightmare that the State wants the bridge removed. If this transportation corridor becomes a debacle like the Zoo Interchange, there will be no temporary bridge over the Port of Milwaukee.

I have also written to U.S. Representative Gwen Moore, calling on her to get involved in the Hoan Bridge replacement by securing Federal Highway Funds for the Hoan. Despite unanimous support from the entire County Board, which passed a resolution calling for the engineering studies, the Wisconsin DOT refuses to comply with this resolution or follow proper planning procedures. Planning decisions should instead be directed to the federally recognized agency responsible for regional planning, the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC).

Any attempts to sidestep this process, as we have seen thus far, underscore my fears that the State secretly wants to remove this bridge and alienate the tens of thousands of commuters and businesses that rely on this transportation lifeline. The voices of these residents should not be ignored. Instead, I ask the State to embrace this call for help and preserve this corridor for future generations.

Overwhelming Support to Extend 794 Lake Parkway

The South Milwaukee and Cudahy Common Councils unanimously recommended studying the extension of 794 Lake Parkway. In February and March, both cities requested that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) study extending this important link to Ryan Road in Oak Creek or to Racine County. The Lake Parkway currently leads to surface streets like Pennsylvania/Nicholson in South Milwaukee and Oak Creek which cannot handle rush hour traffic flows.

The Oak Creek Common Council will consider a similar resolution on **Tuesday, April**

20, at 7 p.m. I look forward to the input of St. Francis and other communities on this proposal in the future.

No matter where you reside, please make sure to communicate your position on this issue to your mayor and alderperson.

Labor Contracts Achieved

Milwaukee County and two unions have approved labor contracts. TEAMCO (Technicians, Engineers, and Architects) and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers agreed to accept concessions in contracts effective through 2011. As chair of the Personnel Committee, I would like to thank the members for coming to an agreement with the County during times of financial stress.

Supervisor Jursik Sponsors 401k-style Pension Proposal

I introduced a resolution before the Personnel Committee to study a 401k-style pension for all elected county officials (supervisors, executive, sheriff, register of deeds, clerk of court, county clerk & treasurer).

By creating a 401k-style pension, elected officials would avoid a conflict of interest in dealing with employee benefits since they no longer would be covered under the pension plan. Staff must return to the Personnel Committee no later than July 31 with a report.

I am pleased that the County Executive has also spoken favorably of a 401k-style pension system.

I also supported the proposal to reduce the pension multiplier for elected officials to match the reduction given to our employees.

Spring must be here since it is Fishing Clinic Time!

Saturday, April 10 – FREE Kids Fishing Clinics, 9am-3pm
(Hourly, last workshop starts at 2 pm)

Learn about technique, equipment, knots, safety, and fish ID at this event for youth 15 and younger. An adult must accompany children under 6. Equipment will be available, but participants should bring their own rod and reel if possible. Groups of 25+ must pre-register with the DNR at 263-8614.

Milwaukee County Parks, Milwaukee County House of Correction Fish Hatchery, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Wisconsin Council of Sport Fishing Organizations sponsor this clinic and provide all needed equipment. Join the fun at the following locations:

Mill Pond (Oak Creek Parkway & Mill Road, South Milwaukee)

Hosted by Friends of Mill Pond

Sheridan Park (4800 Lake Dr., Cudahy)

Hosted by Lakeridge Boat Club and South Milwaukee 1400 Fishing & Hunting Club

Humboldt Park (3000 S. Howell Av, Milwaukee)

Hosted by Bass Anglers Ltd.

Find **additional** locations here: www.county.milwaukee.gov/Fishing9141.htm

Community Calendar

Thursday, April 1 – Census Day

Tuesday, April 6 – Spring General Election

Thursday, April 8 – Grant Park “Park Watch” meeting, 6pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). 764-7262

Thursday, April 8 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). 764-0612

Thursday, April 8 to Sunday, April 11 – Art in Bloom

Explore three floors of floral arrangements, original works by Milwaukee’s top floral designers and inspired by the Museum’s masterworks. Enjoy visits by Melinda Myers among other celebrity designers, master gardeners. At Milwaukee Art Museum, 700 N. Art Museum Dr, Milwaukee. www.mam.org/bloom

Saturday, April 10 – South Milwaukee Downtown Spring Market and Business Fair, 10am-3pm

Enjoy produce, food, jewelry, art and craft vendors. Walk through the South Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce Business Fair showcasing South Milwaukee merchants. Visit the Bucyrus History Museum. Admission is FREE. All at Bucyrus International, 1100 Milwaukee Av, South Milwaukee. www.smdowntownmarket.org 841-8901

Saturday, April 10 – Saturday, April 18 – FREE Kids Fishing Clinics, 9am-3pm

Hourly (last clinic starts at 2 pm). See article above.

Saturday, April 10 – Family FREE Day at the Zoo

All visitors receive free admission. The parking fee remains in effect. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Monday, April 12 – Blood Drive, 2:30-6:30pm

Hosted by the Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church, 8675 S. 13th Street (Puetz & 13th St.), Oak Creek. Walk-ins welcome. To schedule an appointment or for details, contact office@occumc.org or 762-4600

Tuesday, April 13 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). 571-1191

Saturday, April 10 – South Shore Noon Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 4-6:30pm

Join for food, fun, and raffles to benefit Human/Project Concerns, Interfaiths, and Lions Foundation. Meal tickets are available at door, \$8 adults, \$4 for children under 10. At Grobschmidt Senior Center, 2424 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee. Contact Lion Bernice at 762-5349

Saturday, April 10 – Badgerland Striders South Shore Half-Marathon, 8:30am start, 7am registration

Start at South Shore Park (2900 S. Shore Dr., Milwaukee). Follow the Oak Leaf through 5 County parks to Grant Park. Return along the same route. Pre-registration: \$8 for Striders, \$10 for non-members. Race day registration: \$13 for non-members. 614-0750. www.badgerlandstriders.org

Saturday, April 17 – Watercourse Cleanup, 8am-Noon

Bring tall boots if you have them. Friends of Mill Pond and Oak Creek Watercourse Inc. will provide safety vests, bags, water, and vinyl gloves. Meet at Grant Park Beach parking lot (at the far east end of Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). The cleanup will target the area from the beach to N. Chicago Av. The City will provide lunch to participants at another location at Noon.

Saturday, April 17 – City of South Milwaukee Earth Day Cleanup, 9am-Noon

Pick up bags at any of four locations (South Milwaukee City Hall, southwest corner of 16th & Rawson Av), southwest corner of Oak Creek Parkway & N. Chicago Av, or at the South Milwaukee Fire Department). The City will provide lunch to participants at another location at Noon. Please contact the City Clerk at 762-2222 to register. Call Dave at 764-2836 for details.

Saturday, April 17 – City of St. Francis Community Cleanup

Contact Debbie at bikingxfour@tds.net for details.

Thursday, April 22 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

Saturday, April 24 - City of Cudahy Arbor Day Cleanup, 9am & Celebration, Noon

9am: Meet at various locations throughout Cudahy for a citywide cleanup. **Noon: Ceremony** in front of City Hall with a tree dedication. Enjoy refreshments and the presence of the DNR.

To clean up Sheridan Park, meet at 9am at Sheridan Pavilion Area #1. To organize your own cleanup or join a cleanup, contact Tree Board Chairman Joel Puczykowski at 627-8117 in advance.

Wednesday, April 28 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

Saturday, May 1 – Sheridan Friends Annual Meeting, 10am

Save the Date! Join the reinvigorated Sheridan Friends in planning activities at Sheridan! Watch for details in the next E-Update!

Ongoing:

“Jung at Heart” at the Domes

Through June 6, 2010

Experience breathtaking displays of hundreds of colorful and fragrant springtime flowers blooming in the Show Dome. A brilliant, white gazebo adds to the entire scene.

At the Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee. 649-9830.

www.county.milwaukee.gov/MitchellParkConserva10116.htm

Domes hours: M-F 9am-5pm, Weekends 9am-4pm

Domes admission:

adults \$6.50

ages 6-17, Milwaukee County seniors age 60+ with proof of residency, and people with disabilities \$5

children under 6 enter FREE